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## A Good Government Candidate.

The political opponents of William P. Sutphen, the Republican nominee for mayor, are making despicable efforts to disparage Mr. Sutphen with the voters, and it behooves every decent citizen who is in favor of good and honest government to get to the polls next Tuesday and vote for Mr. Sutphen.

A deplorable feature of the efforts to malign Mr. Sutphen is that the despicable work is chargeable to a rag tag and bob tail element in the Republican party, who are in the market for sale to the highest bidder or ready to make any kind of a deal that will further their own political interests.

The fact that it is known that the element referred to above is working against the Republican party nominee should be ample warning to all good citizens to bestir themselves and defeat the machinations of a gang of politicians who are in politics for revenue only and not at all particular which party the revenue comes from.

These facts stand out clear in connection with Mr. Sutphen's nomination, and should be kept clearly in view by every voter who is imbued with principle enough to put public interests above private interests.

First.—It was Mr. Sutphen's public spirited work as president of the Board of Trade that directed public attention towards him as the right kind of a candidate for mayor of the town.

Second.—The move to make Mr. Sutphen a candidate for mayor met with a hearty response of approval from all good citizens, irrespective of party affiliations.

Third.—Absolute reliance can be placed upon it that every matter of public policy that Mr. Sutphen as mayor of the town would be called to pass upon would be considered solely from the point of view of broad public interests, and due regard given to its effects upon the welfare of the humblest taxpayer.

The citizens of Bloomfield cannot ask any better recommendation in the qualifications of a candidate for mayor, but if further commendation is needed let the unprejudiced citizen make a tour of the town and compare the respective standings financially, morally, socially and otherwise of the men who are commending Mr. Sutphen and those who are lying about him.

On all occasions that Mr. Sutphen has expressed himself since he has been put forward as a candidate for mayor, his statements as to his course of policy have been frank and fearless and there has been no trucking for votes.

Mr. Sutphen has promised that every department of the government shall render to the people a complete and intelligent report of its workings. He is pledged to wise economy in the administration of public affairs, and the government under his administration is not to be a government by quartette, circle or triangle, but a people's government.

## Roll of Merit.

In the settlement of the San Francisco claims by fire insurance companies at the top of the roll of merit are put the Elms of Hartford and the Liverpool and London and Globe. They asked for no concessions whatever from the policyholders and they were declined to ask for 1 per cent. off for cash, which the claimants would have been glad to pay. The only criticism made was by some of the insurance agents, who thought that these companies were entirely too generous. Thomas B. Baxter is the local agent for the London, Liverpool and Globe Company.

## W. C. T. U.

The monthly business meeting of the Bloomfield Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held on Tuesday, November 6, at 3 P. M. in the lecture room of the Baptist Church. It is expected that a member from the South W. C. T. U. convention lately held in Boston will address the meeting.

## Excursion Rates.

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## The Water Report.

Considerable excitement prevailed in political circles yesterday by an item in the Newark Evening News about a call by Mayor Flaherty for a special meeting of the Town Council to receive the report of the expert accountant employed to go over the water department accounts.

Rumors were current to the effect that the special meeting of the Council was designed particularly to give a boom to the candidacy of Dr. W. F. Harrison, the Democratic nominee for mayor.

The story is that the water committee will put the findings of the expert in such shape that the water department will appear to be a great financial success and the purchase of the water supply plant one of the most beneficent things ever undertaken by the municipality, and to Dr. Harrison, the father of the project, will be all the glory.

All preliminary statements concerning the forthcoming report, either of a favorable or unfavorable nature, should be received with a degree of caution until the actual figures are in the hands of the people and an opportunity given to every one to draw their own conclusions.

There is a wide difference of opinion on some points that enter into the making of a report of the operation of a public utility by the municipality. Advocates of municipal ownership are sometimes over zealous to show a profit, and in order to do so it is found expedient to charge the municipality itself good round sums for water used for public purposes, such as for fire protection, sewer flushing, street sprinkling and public schools and other public buildings. The quantity of water used for such purposes is indefinite and any charge made for the water used is based on speculative grounds.

When the people get the water report in their own hands they can eliminate all the speculative material, and by taking the actual cash expenditures and the actual cash receipts determine for themselves to what extent a water purveying institution that is buying water at \$65 per million gallons is making a profit out of its business.

Advance rumors about the report are that in regard to statistics furnished it is very complete and will give the people what they want. The strength or weakness of the report as a campaign document will depend upon the way it is put together and its conclusions set forth. With that part of the work the expert accountant has nothing to do. His duties are with the facts and not theories.

## A Storm Sewer Problem.

There is a flowing stream of water along the east side of the Lackawanna Railroad between Orange street and Watsessing avenue that is productive of conditions that demand the attention of the town officials. Along the line of the railway between the above named streets is a ditch that has served to carry off storm water from an extensive area of ground. At its contact with Orange street a cut through an embankment turns the water on to private property, where it finds its way to the ditch that crosses Crown street and runs through private property to Bloomfield avenue. This practice of turning the drainage from streets on to private land has long been in vogue at this particular place, and while it has been in a general way condemned, no action has been taken towards putting a stop to it.

The probability, however, is that some official action towards remedying a nuisance will have to be taken. The ditch along the railway is now being used for other purposes than that of carrying off storm water, and the flow of water is now a continuous one and private land is converted into a perpetual swamp. Property in the vicinity is deteriorated by the additional flow of water turned into the ditch, and some one may seek redress in the courts.

If such action should ensue the town government will be likely to find itself abruptly confronted by a storm sewer problem of considerable dimensions providing for the storm water and drainage from the Erie Railway to Second river between Orange street and Ella street. The benefit assessment would cover a large area.

## Warning to Fast Drivers.

There is a great deal of reckless and fast driving of automobiles in this town and vicinity, and unless the danger is abated there will be a bad accident some day. A prominent citizen of this town was arrested in Newark one day last week for driving at a faster rate than the law allows, and was made to pay a fine. At Madison last June a chauffeur named Miller drove his automobile at such a rapid rate that he ran into the carriage of Elias C. Humbert, and injured him so severely that he died from the mishap. On Monday of this week Miller was fined \$1,000 and costs in the Morris county courts. He was also held to \$1,000 bail for further sentence. The man paid the fine in cash, and gave a bail bond of \$1,000 for his future appearance.

## Brookdale Postal Matters.

Postoffice Inspector Brigham of the rural free delivery system of the United States Postal Department accompanied Postmaster George W. Heath in a tour through Brookdale Tuesday for the purpose of determining upon the advisability of substituting a mounted carrier delivery system in Brookdale in place of the present fourth class postoffice there. The present postmistress at the Brookdale office, Miss Jennie Lucas, has declined a reappointment on the ground that the receipts of the office are not sufficient to pay for the trouble of looking after it.

## GOLF IN GLEN RIDGE.

Women's Golf Team of Glen Ridge Defeated Forest Hill Women's Team—Glen Ridge Player Victorious in a Foursome Match—Game Scheduled for To-Day.

In a foursome at 36 holes, "Alec" Smith, the national, Western and Eastern champion golfer, and "Alec" Cunningham, ham of the Glen Ridge Golf Club defeated George Low of Baltusrol and "Jack" Hobbes of Englewood on the nine-hole course of the Glen Ridge Club last Saturday afternoon by one stroke. The match, which had been arranged by some of the Glen Ridge members, was for \$5.00 divided and won as follows: Winning team, \$50, Smith and Cunningham, 146 strokes; losing team, \$20, Low and Hobbes, 147; best individual score, \$20, Low, 156; second best individual score, \$10, tied by Smith and Hobbes, 159.

Eighteen holes of the match were played in the morning and the remainder in the afternoon. Attracted by the fame of the four players there was a fair gallery at the morning session, while more than 100 persons, including a liberal sprinkling of women, followed them over the course during the second half of the match. While the playing indicated that all the men were rather stale after a long season, there were many strokes that won hearty applause, and the closeness of the match held the interest of the spectators until the home green was reached on the last round.

The feature of the play was the driving of Hobbes and had he not gotten into trouble on the ninth hole in the first afternoon round he would have tied for, if not won, the first individual prize. He had up to that point a perfect score for the round, having made the third and seventh holes in three strokes each and the others in four strokes. In driving off in the ninth he topped his ball, which landed in the first bunker. He again got into difficulty by pulling his ball so that it struck a tree, and then it fell on the wrong side of the second bunker. All in all it took him nine strokes to hole out, although he did the same hole during the match twice in four strokes and once in two.

Low played a steadier game than any of the others, although it was seldom brilliant. Smith played a good game most of the time, but at all spectacular, while on several occasions he had difficulty in negotiating a hole. Cunningham's best work was done in the morning, when he brought in a card of 78, two less than bogey.

## Team score follows:

MORNING.  
Smith and Cunningham 44-44-34-36  
Low and Hobbes 43-44-43-45-26-79

AFTERNOON.  
Smith and Cunningham 44-44-34-36  
Low and Hobbes 43-44-43-45-26-79

The individual scores were:  
Smith 40 38 41 45-164  
Cunningham 37 48-129  
Low 40 41 39 39-159  
Hobbes 41 40 41 41-161

The women's golf team of the Forest Hill Field Club was defeated by the women of the Glen Ridge Golf Club at a Glen Ridge Thursday afternoon by a score of 22 to 13. Mrs. J. Campbell Cory and Mrs. Charles J. Campbell of the Forest Hill were the only members of the Newark team to defeat their opponents. The score was as follows:

FOREST HILL. GLEN RIDGE.  
Mrs. Price 0 Mrs. Smith 8  
Mrs. Price 8 Mrs. Mitchell 0  
Mrs. Woodruff 5 Mrs. Redfield 0  
Mrs. Dale 0 Mrs. Hart 0  
Mrs. Sullivan 0 Mrs. Torrey 7

Total 13 Total 22  
The old-fashioned system of scoring a point for every hole gained by each member of the team was followed. The teams are to engage in a return match to be played over the course of the Forest Hill Field Club Monday afternoon, November 12.

## Library Notes.

Very frequently the reading of an interesting book leads to the perusal of another and so it is with that delightful volume, "In and Out of the Old Missions of California." What so natural as to follow with the old favorite, "Ramona," and a story of recent date, "For the Soul of Rafael." On laying these down we turn to the "Story of the Indian," "North Americans of Yesterday" and "The Indian Dispossessed." Interesting, too, are "The Navajo and His Blanket" and "Indians of the Painted Desert Region." Also "Indian Fights and Fight-ore," and in connection with this almost all of the novels by Gen. Charles King. To any student of what is old in our young country, "American Hero-Myths" will be full of interest, and also "Indian Story and Song from North America."

Samuel I. Pickard adds to his "Life and Letters of John Greenleaf Whittier" a little volume entitled "Whittier Land," containing many anecdotes and several poems never before published, and a map of that part of Massachusetts on the lower Merrimack where the poet spent his life. It describes his home and their surroundings and calls attention to a phase of character never before adequately presented. Whittier's keen sense of humor, which stayed with him from boyhood even to old age.

"Lettres' Lure" is a collection of letters exchanged between a number of friends. They tell an interesting story, which centres around a sweet, wholesome American girl.

"On Common Ground," the supposed journal of a gentleman farmer, is sparkling with humor and full of shrewd observations of nature, human and otherwise, and the "chuckle of delight" in the first page, which is contagious, runs through to the last page.

An article in the November Scribner's with a very personal interest is one about "Ruskin and Girlishood," by L. Allen Barker, the author of that delightful child's book for grown-ups, "Concerning Paul and Flammetta."

## Look Out for Roarbacks.

The three days previous to election day are critical times for candidates for political office. This is the period in which the roarback is likely to be sprung, either in the shape of a circular to voters or an oral report of a damaging character. Voters will do well not to take reports or statements that appear between now and election day seriously. The things that are kept back until it is too late to refute, do not rest on safe ground, and it is a cowardly way of attacking a candidate. Turn a deaf ear to all roarbacks of an oral nature, and throw the roarback circulars in the waste basket.

## The Tax Bills.

The tax bills will be in the hands of taxpayers to-day. In a great many cases the amount of tax called for will be less than last year. This state of affairs is due to the low rate of taxation fixed by the Town Council and the increase in valuations ordered by the County Board of Equalization of Taxes. If the County Board had not interfered there would have been but a slight change in valuations, and the rate would have been about \$2.20. If the County Board does not stand firmly by the increase that it ordered made, the town treasury may face a deficiency before the year is out.



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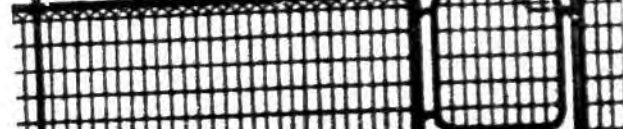
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